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Mr. Christopher Padilla
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Washington, DC 20508

Dear Mr. Padilla:

Thank you for the letter from Ambassador Robert Zoellick to Governor Owens concerning the WTO's Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). After reviewing the letter and enclosures, Colorado agrees to your request to offer U.S. trading partners, where appropriate, the same treatment already provided to the existing Member countries of the GPA. We understand that Colorado has been included in the U.S. coverage under the GPA since 1996, and that this request involves no additional commitments requiring Colorado to change its current government procurement practices and simply allows other countries to be added on the basis of reciprocity.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Laurel Alpert
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(USTR, State-Point-of-Contact)